

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met with the following members present: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Parker – 6. Absent: Bennett – 1. Also present were Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, and Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office.

AGENDA

Commissioner Reinhardt moved to withdraw item 10.7 from the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Agenda of the June 2, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes of the May 19, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Parker requested observation of a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of former Commissioner and Judge John T. Finley, who was the longest serving member of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners. He will be missed by many people in the community.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Delay sale of 2009 Capital Improvement Program Bonds

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-175)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Board Resolution #2009-144 set Monday, June 1, 2009 as the date bids will be taken for the sale of the 2009 Capital Improvement Program Bond, with the award of the sale to be approved on Tuesday, June 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Due to some remaining issues with the bidding of Build America Bonds, a two week delay in the sale is needed; and

WHEREAS, This will allow additional time for our financial advisor and bond council to gather additional information on the financial and legal steps associated with the bidding of Build America Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Bids will be taken on the bonds on June 15, with award for the sale to be approved on June 16, 2009; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners delays the June 1, 2009 sale of the 2009A Capital Improvement Bond; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners sets Monday, June 15, 2009, as the date bids will be taken for the sale of the 2009A Capital Improvement Program Bond, with the award of the sale to be approved on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Delay sale of 2009 Library Capital Improvement Program Bonds

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-176)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Board Resolution #2009-141 set Monday, June 1, 2009 as the date bids will be taken for the sale of the 2009 Library Capital Improvement Program Bond, with the award of the sale to be approved on Tuesday, June 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Due to some remaining issues with the bidding of Build America Bonds, a two week delay in the sale is needed; and

WHEREAS, This will allow additional time for our financial advisor and bond council to gather additional information on the financial and legal steps associated with the bidding of Build America Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Bids will be taken on the bonds on June 15, with award for the sale to be approved on June 16, 2009; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners delays the June 1, 2009 sale of the 2009B Library Capital Improvement Program Bond; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners set Monday, June 15, 2009, as the date bids will be taken for the sale of the 2009B Library Capital Improvement Program Bond, with the award of the sale to be approved on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Joint Powers Revenue Agreement with Minnesota Department of Corrections for Work Release Services

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-177)

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) is in need of work release services and pursuant to Minn. Stat § 471.59, subd.10 the State is empowered to engage in assistance as necessary; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Corrections has requested that Ramsey County Community Corrections enter into a joint powers revenue agreement to provide work release services for DOC offenders; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Community Corrections has a work release program which has room for the additional 5-7 offenders anticipated without adding staff and the DOC is willing to pay Ramsey County Corrections sixty (60) dollars a day per offender ; and

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WHEREAS, The Department anticipates revenue of approximately \$110,000 and variable costs of \$18,000 a year for a net revenue of \$92,000 per year based on a daily census of 5 individuals; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Powers Agreement has a cap of \$650,000, but the Department does not anticipate this level of utilization at RCCF. The Department estimates revenue in excess of variable costs of \$25,000 to \$46,000 for 2009. In 2009, any excess revenue above variable costs generated will be used to address 2009 budget reductions. If approved, revenue and expenses for this program will be included in the 2010-2011 budget; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a joint powers revenue Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, payable at the rate of \$60.00 per day per offender for work release program services; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute any necessary amendments, renewals or budget adjustments, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute any necessary budget adjustments to increase estimated revenue to cover variable costs in Budget Year 2009.

SHERIFF – 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Award

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-178)

WHEREAS, The Federal Department of Homeland Security has made available grant funds for distribution by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the strengthening of terrorism response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has awarded Ramsey County a 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program award in the amount of \$86,700, with no local match requirement; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office plans to use the grant funds for temporary and overtime related to involvement in a the Minnesota Joint Analysis Center, a collaborative of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and for training in intelligence gathering and analysis; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepts a 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program award of \$86,700 from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for the period of grant execution through March 31, 2011; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to accept and execute any amendments to the grant agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to approve necessary budget adjustments.

PUBLIC WORKS – Vacate a portion of Permanent Easement

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-179)

WHEREAS, In June 1977, the County of Ramsey was granted a permanent easement for drainage and ponding purposes over a parcel of land located in the City of Shoreview; and

WHEREAS, The property encumbered by the easement is legally described as: the South 375.32 feet of that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 14, Township 30 North, Range 23 West, lying West of the East 1047 feet thereof, except the East 30.0 feet thereof for North Chatsworth Street; and

WHEREAS, The permanent easement, filed for record with the Ramsey County Recorder on June 16, 1998, as Document No. 3064400, is legally described as: the Southerly 10.0 meters (32.80 feet) of the West 53.43 meters (175.25 feet) of the above-described property lying Northerly of the Northerly right of way line of CSAH 96 as the same presently exists; and

WHEREAS, At the time the easement was obtained there were existing improvements on the property, which improvements remain; and

WHEREAS, Through inadvertence, the legal description of the permanent easement included a corner of the structure which was on the property; and

WHEREAS, It was never the County's intent to acquire any portion of any improvements, buildings, or structure on the property; and

WHEREAS, The encroachment of the improvements onto the easement has created title issues for the owner of the property; and

WHEREAS, The property owner has requested that the County vacate a portion of the easement above described so that it no longer includes the improvements as encroachments; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Public Works Department has concluded that the vacation of a small portion of the easement will have no material effect on the usefulness or utility of the Drainage and Ponding Easement; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, Ramsey County hereby vacates that portion of the Drainage and Ponding Easement granted to Ramsey County by Stephen W. Tilton and Roberta Tilton, Grantors, dated June 20, 1997, and filed of record in the Office of the Ramsey County Recorder as Document No. 3064400, lying northerly of a line lying 153.00 feet north of (as measured at right angles to) and parallel with the south line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 30, Range 23, according to the United States Government Survey thereof and situated in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

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PUBLIC WORKS – Amend an Agreement with SEH, Inc. regarding the reconstruction of the Highway 36/Rice Street interchange

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-180)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County entered into Professional Services Agreement PW2008-19 with SEH, Inc. for the purpose of Concept Development and completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Engineering (PE) for reconstructing the Trunk Highway 36/Rice Street Interchange and related roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that other additional scope changes are warranted by requirements associated with the “preferred alternative”, and also to help expedite overall project delivery by minimizing transition time between preliminary design and final design; and

WHEREAS, The recommended work scope changes and associated costs are identified in Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Amendment No. 5 to Agreement PW2008-19 in the amount of \$61,600, for Concept Development and completion of an Environmental Assessment and Preliminary engineering for reconstruction of the Highway 36/Rice Street interchange; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the Amendment on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve any necessary budget adjustments; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a temporary cash loan in the amount of \$61,600 from the General fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of participating funds.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Keller Regional Park Restroom and Picnic Shelters – Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Services

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-181)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County (County) and Hagen Christensen & McLain Architects, P.A., 4201 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407 (“Architect”) entered into an Agreement (“Agreement”) dated December 20, 2005, to provide professional architectural services to design and construct restroom buildings and picnic shelters at Keller Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, The work under the Agreement is to be performed in two phases and Phase 1 work is completed, with the exception of one restroom facility which will be included in Phase 2 services; and

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WHEREAS, The completion of Phase 2 services by the Architect under the Agreement had been delayed because of issues related to availability of funding but are now proceeding; and

WHEREAS, In the course of designing the restrooms and picnic shelters under Phase 2, the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department (Department) has determined that design and construction of a new entrance drive and parking lot at the Lower Keller Picnic Area site is necessary and desirable to improve storm water management, improve pedestrian and vehicle circulation and to create a larger, more usable, green space adjacent to the shoreline of Keller Lake; and

WHEREAS, The Architect's performance of professional services under the Agreement has been timely and satisfactory and the Architect has the expertise to provide the design and engineering services for the new entrance drive and parking lot; and

WHEREAS, The Department has determined that it is in the County's best interest, based on design continuity and project economies, to amend the Agreement with the Architect to include the professional services for design and engineering of the new entrance drive and parking lot; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution 2008-303, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved a State grant, administered by the Metropolitan Council, for improvements at Keller Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, The additional cost of professional services will be \$14,100, increasing the contract amount from \$144,130 to \$158,230, with the increased costs funded from the State grant; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Design Services with Hagen Christensen & McLain Architects, P.A.; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the Amendment No. 1.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Agreement Between Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department and the City of St. Paul Youth Job Corps as a Workforce Experience Job Site

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-182)

WHEREAS, The City of St. Paul, through Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, has received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) workforce stimulus money to provide work experiences for youth and young adults, ages 14-24, in the City; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions has entered into a contract with the YWCA of St. Paul to coordinate and administer work experience opportunities in the St. Paul area; and

WHEREAS, The St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department Youth Job Corps has an agreement with the YWCA of St. Paul to provide work experience opportunities for St. Paul area youth; and

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WHEREAS, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department desires to partner with the City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department Youth Job Corps to provide a work experience site for St. Paul youth; and

WHEREAS, Youth assigned to work in the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department will be students from the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center; and

WHEREAS, Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center students under this agreement will be employees of the City, and the County will reimburse the City for hourly wages in excess of the amount financed through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Agreement Between Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul for a Workforce Experience Job Site, for the period of May 5, 2009 through September 30, 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make necessary budget adjustments to implement the agreement.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS – Car purchasing program for Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary work Program participants

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-183)

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services (“DHS”) has provided an additional one time allocation to Ramsey County to provide transportation related services, particularly car purchasing programs, for employed Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (“DWP”) participants; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions’ planning staff researched car purchasing programs in the metro area and conducted a site visit to the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties (CAP); and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions recommends approval of the one-time allocation of \$75,000 for the car purchasing program operated by CAP; and

WHEREAS, CAP has a successful history of providing assistance to individuals interested in purchasing a vehicle and is the only established provider of car purchasing services that offers interest-free loans, a critical factor in making a car purchase manageable for an MFIP or DWP recipient; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves an agreement with the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties, 450 Syndicate Street North, Saint Paul MN 55104, in the amount of \$75,000, for the provision of a car purchasing program effective June 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute the agreement with the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties, subject to prior approval by Budgeting and Accounting and the County Attorney's Office.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Adult Mental Health Services – Latino Community

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-184)

WHEREAS, Community Human Services issued a request for Letters of Interest on January 26, 2009, seeking one or more agencies to partner with Ramsey County to increase access to mental health services for members of the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Adult Mental Health staff will work with an identified partner to employ up to three FTE contracted staff as part of a case management team; and

WHEREAS, The specific services will involve referral to, arranging for, plus monitoring psychiatric and community support services for eligible individuals; and

WHEREAS, The Letter of Interest was sent to 15 agencies; and

WHEREAS, Two agencies submitted a letter of interest; and

WHEREAS, Representatives from the Adult Mental Health Service Team have met with both agencies and are recommending a partnership with both; and

WHEREAS, The proposed plan is for two FTEs to be employed by Westside Community Health Services and one FTE by Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES); and

WHEREAS, The team of three would rotate between LaClinica on the Westside and CLUES on the Eastside; and

WHEREAS, Funding for this project will be provided by the state grant dollars dedicated to adult mental health case management; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Westside Community Health Services (parent agency to La Clinica), 153 Cesar Chavez St., St. Paul MN, 55107, and CLUES, 797 East 7th St., St. Paul MN, 55106, to provide contracted workers to serve as “navigators” to guide Latino residents through the Ramsey County mental health system, at a rate of \$430 per eligible individual, per month, for the period of August 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to approve and sign the agreements in a form to be approved by the County Attorney.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Long Term Homeless Group Residential Housing – Wilder Foundation

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-185)

WHEREAS, The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is the owner and service provider for American House, located at 352 Wacouta, Saint Paul, MN 55101, and the Wilder Apartments on Snelling, located at 545 North Snelling Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104; and

WHEREAS, American House provides 69 units of permanent supportive housing for very low income single adults. Wilder Apartments on Snelling offers 76 units of affordable housing for very low income adults; and

WHEREAS, Both apartment buildings have been registered as housing with services with the State of Minnesota Department of Health and now qualify for funding through the Long-Term Homeless Group Residential Housing (GRH) program; and

WHEREAS, Payment is from the State of Minnesota at \$776 per month for rent, utilities and basic living supports; and

WHEREAS, There are 25 eligible residents at American House and 25 eligible residents at Wilder Apartments; and

WHEREAS, The individuals being served and the supports will remain the same; and

WHEREAS, The GRH program is intended to finance supportive housing services to reduce homelessness; and

WHEREAS, This agreement will stabilize the financing for these two residences; and

WHEREAS, The funding is accessed through an agreement with Ramsey County; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves an agreement with the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation to provide Long-Term Group Residential Housing for eligible residents at American House, 352 Wacouta, St. Paul, MN 55101, and Wilder Apartments at 545 North Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104, at the Group Residential Housing Rate of \$776 per month for the period June 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to approve and sign the agreement in a form to be approved by the County Attorney.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Commissioner Parker – County Board support of a Federal Appropriations Request

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-186)

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WHEREAS, The City of St. Anthony Village has been working with Senator Klobuchar and Representative Ellison to seek federal funding for a water quality improvement project for Silver Lake; and

WHEREAS, The northern half of Silver Lake is occupied by the newest regional park to be developed in the Twin Cities area; and

WHEREAS, A description in the project has been forwarded to Senator Klobuchar's office; and

WHEREAS, The City of St. Anthony village is requesting County Board support for their federal request of \$451,000 of the total project cost of \$820,000; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the City of St. Anthony Village in their effort to secure U.S. Federal Appropriations for the purpose of funding a water quality improvement project for Silver Lake.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Terms of collective bargaining agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc., Local 322 (Deputy Sheriff Unit) for years 2009, 2010 and 2011

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-187)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County and the Law Enforcement Labor Services Inc., Local 322 (Deputy Sheriff Unit) engaged in collective bargaining, which included negotiations and mediation; and

WHEREAS, Negotiations and mediation resulted in a tentative agreement on terms and conditions of employment for 2009, 2010 and 2011; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the implementation of a three year agreement on terms and conditions of employment for Law Enforcement Labor Services Inc., Local 322 (Deputy Sheriff Unit), effective January 1, 2009, for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 as follows:

WAGES

2009 - 3% increase effective January 1, 2009

2010 - 2% increase effective January 1, 2010

2011 – 1.99% increase effective March 1, 2011

All increases effective the 1st full pay period following effective date.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Effective 7/1/09, Ramsey County will increase the matching contribution from \$15.00 per month to \$20.00 per month per contributing employee. Contributions will be pro-rated for part-time employees.

WORK SCHEDULES – PREMIUM PAY

Effective 1/1/09 increase Saturday differential from \$.40 per hour to \$.45 per hour and Sunday differential from \$.45 per hour to \$.50 per hour.

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CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Effective 1/1/09 increase allowance from \$750 to \$760 per year.
 Effective 1/1/10 increase allowance from \$760 to \$770 per year.
 Effective 1/1/11 increase allowance from \$770 to \$780 per year.
 Effective upon ratification by the Union and the County, the employer shall make an additional one-time contribution of ninety dollars (\$90.00) to the employee’s clothing allowance.

INSURANCE

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Single coverage Employee Pays	\$21/mo	\$26/mo	\$31/mo
Split of Premium Increase for Family	100% employer 0% employee	80% employer 20% employee	75% employer 25% employee

Changes will be effective on January 1 of each year, except that for 2011, the County will pay the entire increase in premium for family medical coverage until March 1, 2011.

Dental -

For the year 2009, employees will receive the full 5.6% premium decrease. For the year 2010, the employee will pay the total premium increase. For the year 2011, the County and the employee will split the increase or decrease in premium 50/50 for single or family coverage. All premium rates are effective January 1 of each year.

Retiree Insurance -

Early Retiree Contributions for Employees Retiring in 2009, 2010, 2011 – The County will continue to make the same contribution to medical insurance premiums for early retirees as for active employees, for employees retiring during the term of this contract. County contributions are subject to the years of service requirements previously established by the County Board.

Regular Retiree Minimum Payment For Employees Retiring During the Term of the Contract:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Single	\$30/mo	\$35/mo	\$35/mo
Family	\$70/mo	\$80/mo	\$80/mo

All changes effective January 1 of each year.

HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN

Effective the first full pay period in 2011, for insurance-eligible employees hired on or after 1/1/06 and for insurance-eligible employees hired on or after 7/1/92 who opted into the HCSP:

- The County will contribute \$520 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1st full pay period following the employee’s 5 year anniversary date.
- The County will contribute \$624 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1st full pay period following the employee’s 10 year anniversary date.
- The County will contribute \$728 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1st full pay period following the employee’s 15 year anniversary date.

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OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

The agreement reached also includes a modification of sick leave provisions.

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RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the terms of the collective bargaining agreements with Law Enforcement Labor Services Inc., Local 322 (Deputy Sheriff Unit) and authorizes the Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager, as representatives of the County to approve and sign the agreements incorporating these terms and conditions.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Monthly report of contracts and final payments and grant submissions that were approved during the month of April 2009

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-188)

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 3.40.37 authorizes the County Manager to approve contracts, within certain limits; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 4.30.50a requires a monthly report on all contracts and final payments approved by the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 4.30.39d requires the County Manager to report grant submissions, amendments, renewals, and acceptances along with the monthly contract report; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Report of Contracts and Final Payments and Grants for the month of April 2009.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Authorization to enter into Contractual Agreement with Hennepin County for computerized population-based immunization registry services

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Commissioner Rettman said she has consistently voted against the immunization registry. She believes that the opt-out provision is 'muted' in giving people the right to make a choice.

Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 5. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2009-189)

WHEREAS, Participating in the metro immunization registry provides a tool to increase immunization rates, decrease over-immunization, and decrease vaccine preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County serves as the metro liaison for MIIC (Minnesota Immunization Information Connection), the statewide immunization registry; and

WHEREAS, Funding to support Ramsey County's participation in the metro immunization registry is available from the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Human Services; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the agreement for \$48,284 with Hennepin County for participation in the metro immunization registry for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute the Agreement in a form to be approved by the County Attorney.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nick Riley, Intergovernmental Relations, said the Commissioners would receive an end of session report.

Mr. Riley said the Governor is now in the unallotment process because he vetoed the final tax bill and he must come up with an approximate \$3 billion in cuts. A large amount of that is a recognition shift for schools for about \$1.8 billion leaving about \$1.2 billion to be made in cuts. The Governor has indicated he would cut a considerable amount of Local Government Aid (LGA) and County Program Aid (CPA), somewhere around \$150 million to counties; or a cut of about \$9-10 million to Ramsey County, which is speculative at this time. There is also funding at risk in CCA funding for county probation funding, the block grants for children and community services of about \$66 million per year statewide. The shift funding that was saved during the session of about \$47 million is a possible target because it is a large block of money.

Chair Parker said at the AMC District X meeting, a comment was made that the Governor would not be able to unallot from that because of the source of the revenue, but he might unallot someplace else to make up for those funds.

Mr. Riley said in the public health grant area, it is about \$20 million a year that the Governor could get at and he had assumed that is the shift money. It is probably other money that he could get at and could be held harmless.

The Governor has stated that cities and counties have to deal with these cuts; that the cuts would not have to be put on the property taxes, that there are still ways to cut, and that it is a local decision, not a property tax increase.

Minnesota is facing the largest budget gap per capita in the nation. The upcoming biennium is going to start out with a \$3.2 \$4 billion shortfall. This will all reoccur again in the next biennium. The next legislative session may involve some cleanup in reversing some of the changes and cuts will be made. There will be a bonding bill in the next session of about \$750 million. Given the pent-up demand in bonding, there are probably over \$3 billion in requests to be coming forward and it will be difficult to get much in bonding for anyone.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that in the newspaper and other media the Governor keeps saying that since the Legislature wouldn't balance the budget, he has to do it himself. That is simply not true. The Governor was given at least two balanced budgets that he vetoed. He didn't like the way the Legislature balanced the budget, but they did offer a good compromise. It has been said all along that this isn't about not cutting, but it is also not just on the revenue side. There had to be a balance, and the Legislature's approach was a balance that put in some revenue and made some dramatic cuts. The Legislature recognized that the people who would be hit the hardest are the most vulnerable, and the Legislature wanted to help buffer that. Children in need of protection, people with mental illness and developmental disabilities, and seniors who are most vulnerable are those who will be hit. The Legislature tried to balance so that we won't have the dissemination of the safety net; whether receiving those services or not, it has an impact on our quality of life. Making the cuts is only half of the picture when balancing the budget and that is what the Governor is doing.

Ramsey County has always taken a very conservative approach with levy limits, and has never gone up to our levy limit because we levy for what we need in order to try to meet the mandates. But,

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the perception is that he has clamped down on us with levy limits. It is a shell game. There is also the assumption that because the mandates don't go away, and we are allowed to levy back outside the levy limits, that if we don't do that, any liability from not being able to fulfill those mandates is solely on Ramsey County. It is a catch-22 that for whatever reason, the Governor is walking away from saying "see what I've done" and then he doesn't have to make the tough decisions because he has pushed those and the bill off onto local governments. The reality is, even if we can, we are not going to be able to levy all that back, given the tax burden that is already there, nor should we. But, we will have to make those difficult decisions.

In years past, we have discussed if the Governor cuts something, we just shouldn't do it, and that we need to send a message to the Governor. Ramsey County has always erred on the side that the message to the Governor isn't going to get there; it will get to the people in the most need. The Governor knows full well what he is doing, and it is hurting people who are the most vulnerable in our society. Once the unallotments are known, there will be difficult decisions to be made on what we are going to do and what we can't do anymore and how to make that balance. To paint this as anything other than shifting the cost and responsibility for the most vulnerable in our society, off the Governor's desk and onto counties, is false – that is exactly what is happening.

Commissioner McDonough reported on a special AMC board meeting about 10 days ago in relation to the unallotments. There had been a couple of policy questions brought to the AMC board; one that we were getting requests from the Governor's office to weigh-in on what unallotment might look like for counties, possibly picking and choosing what we might want. The AMC board took the position not to do that – not to help the Governor pick and choose. The lesser of the two evils did not make sense, and the Governor chose to pick unallotment as a solution to the budget problem.

Another discussion at the AMC board meeting was when the Governor unallotted at the end of 2008, we could levy back. When the Governor unallots in 2009, we could levy that back. If the Governor does his 2010 unallotment before January 15 we could levy that back. The policy piece for the position brought to the AMC board was whether we would want the Governor to do that unallotment. One of the policy pieces was to do it quickly so we could have as much time as possible to make our budget decisions. But, for 2010, the policy was whether to do it after January 15 because for counties that might choose to levy back, there is the potential to levy back 2008, 2009 and 2010 unallotments all at one time; that could be a large levy increase. The position taken was for the 2010 unallotment to happen after January 15. The Governor has said he would not put counties or cities in a position to try to go back and levy after setting their levies. It gets messy, even though we have that ability. Commissioner McDonough said he didn't think any counties or cities would be put in a position if they felt they needed to do that. One thing that it does is make you do the 2010 budget. If you had to go back to levy for some of those unallotments, it could not be done for a year, because there is only one chance to do that. Once the opportunity is passed, you can't hold it and go back to do it a year later. The AMC board felt the strong message to send to the Governor was the difference between County Program Aid and LGA for cities. When the Governor cuts CPA, and then cuts CC aid or money in Human Services, it is over and above. For cities, it is basically LGA; there are no other cuts they are getting. The Governor did that for the 2008 unallotment at one-third/two thirds because he knows there are other hits that the counties are taking, but to continue to re-enforce that we continue to take these hits, especially in areas where there are mandates and we have no other choice. It was a good board meeting, and we landed in a good spot on those policy pieces.

Commissioner Ortega said Commissioner Reinhardt has been eloquent in her comments about how this administration wants to have it both ways, and she is absolutely correct. As we go down the road over the next two years, there is nothing we can do to fix this; the die is cast. The Governor remains extremely popular amidst all of this. This is not just about the most vulnerable in Minnesota. As more people are laid off, they may face many of the problems such as losing their home or face

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health issues – this is about the middle class. We need to get the middle class involved and talking about these issues. As to the levy limits, we need to spend time and energy as to what is truly mandated, what the County must do, and what the penalties are, because we won't be able to pay for this bill. All the options given to us for 2008, 2009, and 2010 are going to be a joke. We will lay more on the middle class folks and property taxes, and we won't even come close to dealing with the services that are needed. We don't get anything for our money on this deal.

Commissioner Reinhardt said at a recent event she heard that the definition of recession is when there is a lot of unemployment, and the definition of a depression is when 'you' lose your job. Most people have a relative or friend who is unemployed or has a problem with their mortgage – it is the middle class being squeezed by this. The double whammy is that they are not only having more difficulties with health insurance and keeping their homes, finding new jobs when they lose one, but with the way Ramsey County is set up to deal with this is to then add more property tax. She thanked Commissioner Ortega for reminding her to include that comment. This is about all of us.

Chair Parker said at the AMC meeting yesterday, there was an interesting discussion that started off as the regionalization of human services into the twelve regions, evolving into something different. This is something where there may be a door open for more flexibility for all of us. If we are designated as a service delivery authority, it would give more flexibility to get waivers on mandates and a whole variety of other things that go along with that. Serious discussion is needed for what exactly that would mean, how much flexibility would there be, and what has to be done to qualify for that. That may be a bright spot in the legislation as it evolved with all the input from AMC with Commissioner McDonough's active role in that process. That may be helpful to counties as we go forward.

Commissioner Ortega said these mandates are not necessarily bad; it is the way the costs are being shifted down; the financing of these mandates are untenable over the long run. That is where we need to reinvent the financing. The mandates just say that we need a certain level of service in different counties for different populations, for different reasons. We need to be careful not to 'throw out the baby with the bath water'. That is why it is important to see exactly what the mandates are, what is coming down in terms of these regional service delivery areas -- the devil is in the details on all these things.

Commissioner Carter agreed that the devil is in the details. It would serve us to be very involved in those details to help shape them. The appearance is that there may be some ability to negotiate flexibility because with the new design that AMC and MACSSA have worked on and proceeded through the Legislature, there is a focus on performance and outcomes. Where mandates typically would dictate how many, how much should be done in terms of dollars, we have a great opportunity to talk about the outcomes that we need for our community, and efficient and effective ways of delivering those outcomes. Flexibility says if you are able to accomplish those outcomes without doing it the way they say it has to be done or to spend the dollar amount they say has to be spent – all the details set out, then you can prove it and do it. That calls on us to step forward and utilize some of the knowledge we have about the best ways of delivering services and impact the setting of those performance measures as we will be with everyone else held accountable to those measures which are designed in future years.

Although it looks like this service delivery only effects counties of 55,000 or less, it does hold a lot of impact and potential opportunity for us. As AMC has discussed, an optional opportunity for counties to come together and participate in hearing more about the impact of redesign for larger counties through District X that we will be able to do that. We will also be able to have some of those discussions in coming months at our County Board to determine how we want to design a movement forward in that area.

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Commissioner Rettman said at the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) meetings they have been seeing a type of redesign without it getting any notice. The devil is in the details, and in the documentation of the detail. It is not just saying how to do it – it has to be documented by staff to get the outcomes to show quantifiably, not just by stories. One of the bright spots is that health is held harmless right now; based on documented outcome based, high-performance outcomes. Many groups have gotten together to do certain things, to specialize, etc. They try to focus on certain things for what will be done very well. Ramsey County's Public Health Department has been one of the leaders on that for accreditation. For the people being talked about, as well as for the middle class folks, will have greater service in the long run of the health component, being able to access them better and get the quality of service. There are some hopeful things happening already, but it is done in very small steps -- 87 counties all signed up for the program. We need to make sure there are no disparities in the counties – that is what she worries about if shifting it over to the property taxes in making choices.

Mr. Riley said this was an opportunity to reform taxes. The Governor had two tax commissions and he didn't listen to either one about reforming taxes. That will be revisited in the long term, and certainly, property taxes are one leg of the three-legged stool with sales and income tax. Hopefully, that will happen in the future. The problem started out to be \$6.2 billion without inflation. Fortunately, we got an infusion of stimulus money from the Feds that amounted to about \$2.4 billion. All that the Democrats were trying to backfill was about \$1 billion in new revenue but it didn't make it and will likely come out of property taxes.

The Governor also vetoed the elections bill that would have helped with the current problem with the Senate race. This would have clarified many things, but the Governor felt that enough Republican members weren't on-board.

Mr. Riley talked about the joint hits that St. Paul and the School District are taking. The cumulative effect on property taxes will have to be looked at by the Joint Property Tax Study group to find out how we can work together to try to minimize the effects on the property taxes. St. Paul is getting hit hard if LGA gets cut further.

Commissioner Ortega asked how hard was St. Paul hit – what didn't they get?

Mr. Riley said if the Governor does the unallotment process where he hits LGA, St. Paul gets hit hard in that area because St. Paul and Minneapolis get the largest share of LGA. Any hits to LGA directly affect Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Mayor of St. Paul has been out front criticizing the Governor. Mr. Riley believes the Governor will go forward with those cuts. The hospitals also got hit hard with the GAMC cut. That could be undone with the next session with the way it is set up now. If hospitals start reacting to it now, there will likely be some layoffs beginning this year.

Commissioner Ortega said staff should look into what the potential impacts are now – if there are going to be huge cuts in the health care delivery system, what that means to Ramsey County; what those implications are as we go into budget hearings. Hennepin, Regions and other hospitals are going to be hit very hard.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Carter:

- She and Commissioner Rettman attended the celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month in the Court House. This was televised with a local hostess interviewing Kao Kalia Yang, author of *"The Late Homecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir"*.

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- Visited Portland with Commissioner Ortega to look at an economic opportunity initiative with a focus on remaining in long-term relationships over a three-year period of time with people having difficulty finding and keeping employment. It makes good economic sense to help people overcome multiple concerns that have kept them away from employment over a long period of time.

Chair Parker said the Portland trip was funded by the Northwest Area Foundation. She asked if there is the possibility of replicating that project in Minnesota; might there be any funding for it.

Commissioner Carter thanked the Northwest Area Foundation. People from St. Paul, Ramsey County, Hennepin County, and Minneapolis all visited Portland. Initially, the Northwest Area Foundation was a big funder in Portland, and has now found that the City of Duluth has become engaged in doing a replication project. It looks different than it does in Portland, but now is the opportunity to design the same kind of long term relationship for that community. Northwest Area Foundation is encouraging us in the Twin Cities to look at our needs and to dialog with them about our needs in putting people back to work and supporting them while they are seeking work.

Commissioner Ortega said it isn't that Portland has anything unique in terms of services that we don't have. It is more about proven technologies rearranged in a different way, and there is a learning experience in rearranging some of our services. Portland's measurement of success is in somebody getting a job and in three years having a 25% increase in salary. With those goals and measurements, it is rearranging the 'furniture' to get it done. He spoke with the new president of Northwest Area Foundation. They are trying to get government to start thinking about how we might address these issues for long term impact. There may be some seed money, but Northwest Area Foundation is not large; they give away about \$25 million a year over a vast region. They serve as a catalyst, which is a good role to play. They worked on systems change in Portland. In Minnesota, we have to change some policies to allow for three years. Not everybody is going to be successful so there is an investment. All the folks who didn't make it through the Portland program and those who did were tracked over three years after employment. When taking the failures and the successes, it still comes out to an average of \$9,000-\$10,000 per individual – the resources behind the individuals – a great return on investments.

- Reported on the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative Executive Team meeting. The collaborative is in the process of a six-month design of an evaluation system to tailor the work of the collaborative and the work of the County toward outcomes we are all seeking. Wilder Foundation has been engaged to do the work.

Commissioner Reinhardt:

- Said the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board met and discussed waste pharmaceuticals. To tell people they can't throw drugs into the environment is one thing, but not to give them any other options is difficult because people want to do the right thing.
- Said the Governor vetoed the paint bill.
- She attended the Rush Line Corridor Task Force meeting. With Forest Lake coming into the transit taxing district, bus service will come down Rush Line beginning sometime in September. There may be potential funding from Metro Transit for bus route 288 going into Minneapolis if there is proven results.
- She attended the Arcadia/Burke Avenue neighborhood watch in North St. Paul where Joseph McGee was honored for doing incredible work for the City of North St. Paul.

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- She attended the Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce meeting at St. Paul College where the Recovery Act and a push for the East Metro Recovery site were discussed. There are collaborative efforts going on between Congresswoman McCollum's office, the City of St. Paul, and Dakota, Washington and Ramsey Counties, to make this a one-stop shop for a better feel on the opportunities available.

Commissioner Rettman:

- Reported on the Resource Recovery Finance Committee meeting; the budget is significantly down and will come to the Board in the near future. A good decision had been made with RRT and the processing. The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board will have a workshop June 26 for a continued discussion on RRT for the future.
- Said the Hamline-Midway Coalition held an event at Newall Park. It was well attended with a variety of events. Commissioner Carter said this event has gone from a dinner celebration to a huge festival.
- Provided a Memorial Day speech at Oakland Cemetery where Alexander Ramsey, the first governor of Minnesota is buried.
- Reported on the Falcon Heights and Lauderdale CERTS continue with preparations for H1N1 and other preparedness activities.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Parker reported:

- Board chairs from Ramsey, Washington, and Dakota Counties met with Congresswoman McCollum on information dissemination on access to Recovery Act funds. The www.eastmetrorecovery.org blog is up and running for people to access with links to state and federal sites.

COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE

Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, distributed information to the Commissioners and reminded everyone of the kick-off tour for the photo exhibit, *Portraits of Home II: Veterans In Search of Stable Housing In Greater Minnesota*. The kick-off will begin at 1:30 p.m. today when Commissioners will have the opportunity to tour the display on the first, second, and third floors of the lobby areas of the Ramsey County Court House. The exhibit will be on display June 1-12, 2009, and will feature 30 photos produced by the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund in cooperation with the Minnesota Assistance Council for veterans and Heading Home Minnesota. A Board Workshop will immediately follow the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting today on Housing and Services for Veterans.

Chair Parker pointed out that the Veterans Service Office has moved to 90 W. Plato Boulevard.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Parker declared the meeting adjourned.

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board